Water Transportation Advisory Board January 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 1:50pm on January 21, 2011, in the Jessamine-Franklin Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington, KY. The board members in attendance were: Norb Whitlock, Ken Canter, Ken Lanham, Nickie Smith, and Greg Pritchett. Also in attendance were: Lynn Soporowski, Doug Hendrix, Michael Baker, Albert Becker, David Gordon, Jeremy Edgeworth, Keith Damron, Sarah McCormack, Joe Crabtree, Ted Grossardt, Doug Kreis, Ed Riney, and Greg Curlin. The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The meeting began with an introduction by all board members and all other attendees.

The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the December 21, 2010, meeting for review. Nickie Smith moved that the December 21, 2010, minutes be accepted as presented. Second by Norb Whitlock. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining.

The Chair turned the floor over to Doug Hendrix, Michael Baker, Albert Becker, and David Gordon from the Department of Revenue. Mr. Baker shared a PowerPoint on the Commercial Watercraft Property Tax and the floor was opened for questions. (The PowerPoint is available on the Advisory Board website).

The Chair then turned the floor over to Joe Crabtree and Ted Grossardt from the Kentucky Transportation Center. Mr. Crabtree shared a PowerPoint on the Kentucky Transportation Center and what they do. Mr. Grossardt shared a PowerPoint on KTC's Inland Waterways Project and with the assistance of the attendees developed potential further research topics.

The Chair then moved onto the Bylaws. It was proposed that a committee be formed to develop the Water Transportation Advisory Board bylaws. Ken Canter nominated Nickie Smith, Ken Lanham and Ken Canter to serve on the Bylaws committee. Second by Ken Lanham. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining. The bylaw committee members decided to have a conference call to discuss developing the bylaws after February 7th. The committee requested that KYTC provide any documents that can assist with developing bylaws.

The Chair then brought up the date of the next meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board. It was suggested that the meeting be held sometime after the first part of April and that the Chair send out a poll to Board members to decide the best available date and location.

The Chair then distributed a Memorandum from the KYTC Legal Office addressing the question raised at the December 21, 2010, meeting about the how the definitions of riverports was applied and if it meant just the public ports or were private ports included as well. The Chair proposed that due to a lack of time that discussion about the letter be moved to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:50pm.

Submitted: Jeremy Edgeworth Water Transportation Advisory Board staff, KYTC